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Thursday, March 1

Friday, March 2

Summer Camp Retreat

Miss your camp friends, counselors and activities? Can't wait for summer? This is a weekend for experienced and first-time campers to enjoy summer camp activities, such as hiking, arts, dance, and much more! Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center. For more information call (800) 642-3297 or visit www.cvnpa.org.

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Amphibians on the Move

Each spring, hundreds of amphibians venture from within the forest to vernal or temporary pools to breed. Migrating salamanders will remain at the pools for only a few days before returning to the underground depths of the forest. Join Cleveland Metroparks Naturalist Peggy Jarrett and National Park Service Ranger Paul Motts for a 2-part program on migrating amphibians. Part I will introduce the amphibians of the Cuyahoga Valley. Participants registering for Part I will be placed on the "Amphibian Hotline" and be notified during peak migration for Part II, an evening hike to a vernal breeding pool. To register call (440) 526-1012. Brecksville Nature Center, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

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Changing Seasons

Early spring is a great time for bird watching, as some winter birds linger and spring birds start to arrive. Golden-crowned kinglets and red-breasted nuthatches frequent in the protective evergreens, and bluebirds are often seen in the open fields along the 2.75 mile Tree Farm Trail.

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Join Park Volunteer Dwight Chasar on this early season bird walk as we search for unusual migrating birds. Horseshoe Pond, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Peninsula Explorer

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Full Moon Hikes

Explore your park by dark with only a full moon to light your way. Join a park ranger for the unique experience of discovering CVNP after dark. The Full Awakening Moon - Late winter marks the awakening time for many species of trees, plants, and wildlife. Join a park ranger for a moderate 2-mile hike around the Lake Trail and Kendall Hills for our monthly full moon hike, as we discuss examples of awakenings, and harbingers of spring like Skunk Cabbage and tree sap in the Cuyahoga Valley. Kendall Lake Shelter, 7 - 9 p.m.

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Sunday Matinees'

We may not have Hollywood stars, but we've got our very own cadre of CVNP park rangers and volunteers that sparkle like tinsel towns' finest. Climb aboard CVSR, enjoy popcorn, and a colorful program as you travel through your national park. Fee: \$10 for ages 3 and up. Rockside Station, 1 p.m. To register call (800) 468-4070. Blast from the Past: Roaring 20s - Put on your flapper dress and climb aboard CVSR to explore a decade in the Cuyahoga Valley that saw hemlines rising, bootlegging, and temperance meetings. Learn where valley folks hid the good stuff, how Peninsula paid for streetlights, and where you might have gone for some fun. Our colorful actors and actresses will have you dancing in the aisles during this Blast from the Past.

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Tuesday, March 6

Wednesday, March 7

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Friday, March 9

Winter Chillin' Overnight

Join park rangers as we explore nature through the eyes of many cultures on this family overnight. Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center. For more information call (800) 642-3297 or visit www.cvnpa.org.

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Grape Escape Wine-Tasting Express

Enjoy a night out in the beautiful Cuyahoga Valley aboard CVSR while tasting five choice wines and appetizers. Ages 21 and older. Fee: \$45 coach, \$65 first class, and \$80 executive class. Reservations required. 7 - 9 p.m. To register call (800) 468-4070. Rockside Station

Cuyahoga Valley Nature Writers

This group assists amateur and professional writers with their original work. Participants should bring 15 copies of a poem, short story, or essay. Discussion centers on the strengths and weaknesses of each piece, with suggestions for improving it and enhancing chances of publication. Fee: \$3. For more information call (330) 657-2909. Boston Store, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

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Spring into Action

Join Park Ranger Beth Rush for a program about our friend, planet Earth. Learn about environmentally friendly practices, ways we can use them in our own homes and at school, and make a useable craft using recycled materials. Happy Days Visitor Center, 10:30 a.m. - noon.

Saturday in the Park: Spring on the Canal

Explore what it might have been like to travel on the Ohio and Erie Canal on a Spring afternoon. Join a park ranger for an easy 3.5-mile hike on the Towpath Trail between Boston Store and Red Lock. Boston Store, 1 - 3 p.m.

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Sunday, March 11

Hiking Going to the Dogs

Dog parks and walking your dog along the Towpath Trail have become so popular that we thought we'd join in the fun. Join a park ranger on this hiking series that is dedicated to the dog lover in you. Remember, all dogs must be on a six-foot or shorter leash and under the owner's control at all times. 1-mile walk on the Towpath and Valley Trails. Frazee House, 8 - 9 a.m.

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2.2-mile hike along the Ledges Trail. Ledges Shelter, 2 - 3:30 p.m.

Monday, March 12

Tuesday, March 13

Cuyahoga Valley Heritage Series: Téada

Téada's characteristic lively blend of traditional Irish instrumentals and vocals has helped the band evolve into one of the busiest touring acts in the traditional music scene. The band has captured the imagination of many throughout the world with a creative and spontaneous musical approach, seeking to capture the intricacies of traditional art form within a contemporary band context. Admission unless otherwise noted: \$15 adults, \$10 CVNPA members, and \$5 children 3 - 12. General seating. Advance sales available by calling (330) 657-2909. *This concert begins at 7:30 p.m.*

Wednesday, March 14

Thursday, March 15

Friday, March 16

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March Birds

As the days get longer, warm south winds blow a gentle reminder that spring has arrived, sending migrating birds on their northbound journeys. Join Park Volunteer Dwight Chasar as we search an area where northern shrike have been sighted for the past two years. Red Lock Trailhead, 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.

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Cuyahoga Valley Photographic Society

“Jackson Bog, a Photographer’s Perspective.”

CVPS member Michael Witt will present images from his recent book accompanied by music. Witt will offer hints for photographers who want to publish their own work. For more information contact CVPS at info@cvps.org or CVNPA at (330) 657-2909. Happy Days Visitor Center, 7 p.m. Free.

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Saturday, March 24

Saturday in the Park

Hiking for Your Health. Join park ranger Beth Rush to welcome spring for a 5.25-mile hike on the Old Carriage and Towpath Trails. We'll talk about healthy ways to prepare your body for hiking, how to build up your mileage, and tips for endurance out on the trail. Red Lock Trailhead, 8 - 11 a.m.

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Orienteering

Learn or hone land navigation skills at the season-opening event of the Northeastern Ohio Orienteering Club. Courses for all skill levels offered. Beginners are welcome, and instruction is available. Bring a compass and a whistle. Hiking shoes recommended. Map fee: \$8 for non-members and \$5 for members. Happy Days Visitors Center, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. For more information call (866) 812-8316.

Boomerangs for Beginners

At recent fall and winter workshops, participants constructed their own boomerangs. Come and learn how to fly these amazing flying machines that really do come back to the thrower. Enjoy learning the history of boomerangs as well. Extra boomerangs available to throw. All instruction and use is free. Howe Meadow, 2 - 4 p.m.

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Tuesday, March 27

Wednesday, March 28

Young at Heart

CVSR and CVNP invite the Young at Heart (ages 55 and over) to explore the valley focusing on the natural and cultural history of CVNP. All ages are welcome, but the cost is only \$7 for anyone ages 55 and over. Allow 1 ¾ hours. Fee: \$15 adults, \$7 seniors, and \$8 children 3 - 12. Rockside Station, 10:15 a.m. To register call (800) 468-4070. The Flood of 1913 - March 26, 1913 The *Akron Beacon Journal* headline read: "Worst Flood in Ohio History..a calamity which can only be compared to the death, destruction, horrors, and devastation of war has overtaken the state of Ohio." In the Cuyahoga Valley, as the floodwaters retreated people picked up the pieces of their lives, mourned the loss of loved ones, and said goodbye to the ditch that brought the world to the wilderness.

Thursday, March 29

Friday, March 30

Fun on the Farm

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A Fugitive's Path: Escape on the Underground Railroad

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Saturday, March 31

Easter Egg Extravaganza

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Peninsula Explorer

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Mustill Store Season Opening

Kick off the new season with historical children's games for young and old alike. We'll be grilling in the yard—stop by and have lunch with us as we welcome spring! Mustill Store, 12:30 - 3:30 p.m.

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Cuyahoga Valley Heritage Series: Atwater-Donnelly

Folk duo Aubrey Atwater and Elwood Donnelly present delightful programs of traditional American and Celtic folk songs, a capella pieces, hymns, dance tunes, and original works. In addition to their vocal blend of gorgeous and unusual harmonies, the duo sparkles on guitar, dulcimer, mandolin, banjo, bones, and other instruments and adds clog dancing and French-Canadian footwork. Admission unless otherwise noted: \$15 adults, \$10 CVNPA members, and \$5 children 3 - 12. General seating. Advance sales available by calling (330) 657-2909. Happy Days Visitor Center, 8 p.m. Doors open at 7 p.m.

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Spring Training Hike

4-mile hike on the Buckeye Trail. Ira Trailhead, 2 - 4 p.m.

Monday, April 2

Full Moon Hikes

The Full Frog Moon - Early April heralds the return of the familiar sounds of Spring Peepers and other frogs. These amphibians awaken and travel to lakes and temporary vernal ponds to call and search for mates. Join a park ranger for an easy 3-mile round-trip walk along the Towpath trail south from the Station Road Bridge. Station Road Bridge Trailhead, 8 - 10 p.m.

Tuesday, April 3

Wednesday, April 4

Women's Backpacking Weekend Pre-Trip Meeting

Brecksville Nature Center, 6:30 - 9 p.m.

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Spring Speaker Series Cascade Locks: Past, Present, Future

Bob Jenkins will present his slide show on 200 years of the Cascade Lock's history, from its heyday as a very busy part of the Ohio & Erie Canal to its present form as one of this area's hottest recreational areas. Presented by Cascade Parks Lock Association. Mustill Store, 7 p.m. For more information call (330) 374-5625.

Thursday, April 5

Friday, April 6

Fun on the Farm

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Saturday, April 7

Hiking Going to the Dogs

Dog parks and walking your dog along the Towpath Trail have become so popular that we thought we'd join in the fun. Join a park ranger on this hiking series that is dedicated to the dog lover in you. Remember, all dogs must be on a six-foot or shorter leash and under the owner's control at all times. 1-mile walk where you will find wetlands, meadows, and forests. Terra Vista Trailhead, 8 - 9:30 a.m.

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Saturday in the Park: Spring Thing Hike

Join a park ranger on this 1.2-mile hike to explore Blue Hen Falls. Blue Hen Falls Trailhead, 2 - 3 p.m.

Sunday, April 8

Monday, April 9

Tuesday, April 10

Wednesday, April 11

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Thursday, April 12

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Friday, April 13

Fun on the Farm

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Cuyahoga Valley Nature Writers

This group assists amateur and professional writers with their original work. Participants should bring 15 copies of a poem, short story, or essay. Discussion centers on the strengths and weaknesses of each piece, with suggestions for improving it and enhancing chances of publication. Fee: \$3. For more information call (330) 657-2909. Boston Store, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 14

Welcome Back Spring!

Birds sing in it. Flowers bathe in it. Even animals play in it. What is this great thing that is causing so much excitement...spring, of course. Join Park Ranger Margaret Adams in welcoming back the flowers, birds, sunshine, and spring with a short hike and crafts. Fee: \$3 per child. Happy Days Visitor Center, 10 - 11:30 a.m.

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Boomerangs: Spring "Fly-In"

Start to hone your skills or try boomerangs for the first time. Learn the importance of wind direction and behavior to ensure accurate return flights. Free boomerang use and instruction. Howe Meadow, 2 - 4 p.m.

Cuyahoga Valley Heritage Series: Corinne West

From the open meadows of California's Sierra Mountains, Corinne West spins tales with a part velvet and part grit voice that is both achingly penetrating and highly addictive. Her music has a cool, layered, yet driven sound and has been referred to as utterly spell-binding, radiant, and extraordinarily beautiful by reviewers world-wide. Admission unless otherwise noted: \$15 adults, \$10 CVNPA members, and \$5 children 3 - 12. General seating. Advance sales available by calling (330) 657-2909. All concerts are held at Happy Days Visitor Center and begin at 8 p.m. unless otherwise stated. Doors open at 7 p.m.

Sunday, April 15

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Sunday Matinees'

Freedom of the Road - Since automobiles first took to the roads they have symbolized "Freedom." Join us for a colorful exploration of over 100 years of automobile history in the Cuyahoga Valley where the towpath once served as a road, service stations flourished, and suburbs grew thanks to the "devils wagon." Fee: \$10 for ages 3 and up. Rockside Station, 1 p.m. To register call (800) 468-4070.

Summer Camp Open House

Although it may be cold outside, Cuyahoga Valley National Park Association wants you to start thinking about summer! Come to one of our Summer Camp Open House events to learn about summer camp in Cuyahoga Valley National Park. These events are a chance for families to visit the Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center and explore the facilities, learn about camp offerings, and meet with summer camp coordinators to answer any questions about the programs. Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center, 1 - 4 p.m. For more information call (330) 657-2796 ext. 107 or visit www.cvnpa.org.

Spring Training Hike

6-mile hike along the Lake, Cross Country, and Salt Run Trails. Kendall Lake Shelter, 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Peninsula Jazz Festival

Featuring New Orleans jazz musicians from around the region. Presented by the Peninsula Library and Historical Society. Free. Happy Days Visitor Center, 3 - 6 p.m.

Monday, April 16

Tuesday, April 17

Wednesday, April 18

Thursday, April 19

Photographing Birds

Nationally published photographer Jim Roetzel will explain techniques and share how following nature's migrations, rhythms, and seasons help him capture amazing bird images. For more information contact CVPS at info@cvps.org or CVNPA at (330) 657-2909. CVPS sponsors monthly presentations by local, regional, and national photographers at Happy Days Visitor Center. All presentations start at 7 p.m. Free unless otherwise stated.

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Saturday, April 21

On the Wing

Many songbirds that wintered in South and Central America are moving to their summer breeding territories here in the Cuyahoga Valley and Canada. The pine warbler is among the first of the returning warblers that has been recorded in the red pine forests surrounding Kendall Lake. Join Park Ranger Paul Motts as we search for the pine warbler and other early returning songbirds along the trails in Virginia Kendall Park. Kendall Lake Shelter, 8 - 10 a.m.

Women's Backpacking Weekend

Join CVNP and Cleveland Metroparks staff on this trip as we hike a closed section of CVNP. This is a rare opportunity to explore backpacking in a women-only group. On Saturday, hike 5 miles on the Plateau Trail to our campsite and spend the afternoon learning hands-on about setting up camp. On Sunday, after a leisurely breakfast and an early morning hike to a lookout, we will pack-out 2 miles to our starting point. This trip will pass hemlock ravines, ponds, and travel through succession and mature growth forest, exploring nature away from city life. Camping equipment is available. Call (216) 341-1704 to register. Advanced registration required. Ages: 18 and older. Fee: \$50. Activity Level: Moderate. Meet with equipment at Oak Hill Trailhead, 9:30 a.m.

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CVSR Hartville Special

Spend the day on the rails then shop in Hartville. Ride the train from Rockside Station to Akron Northside Station then take a bus to the Hartville Fleamarket and Kitchen for a 2½ -hour layover. Fee: \$35 adults and \$20 children ages 3 - 12. Rockside Station, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. To register call (800) 468-4070.

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Saturday in the Park: The Heron Dating and Mating Game

Join Park Ranger Scott Van Houten for a short walk to view the heronry on W. Bath Road to learn about what Great Blue Heron bachelor numbers 1, 2, & 3 will go through for the opportunity to pair with a fair bachelorette Great Blue Heron. Botzum Trailhead, 2 - 3 p.m.

Mountain Rose: The Juggernaut Jug Band

The Juggernaut Jug Band presents the infectious fun music that was immensely popular from the 1890's through the depression. Members include Roscoe Goose on first jug, washboard, and trumpet; The Amazing Mr. Fish on walking bass and washtub bass; Skip Tracer on guitar, mandolin, banjo and vocals; and Smiley Habanero playing guitar. For more information and tickets, visit www.mountainroseconcerts.org or call (330) 733-8845 or CVNPA at (330)657-2909. Admission: \$15 (door), \$12 (advance), and \$7.50 children 3 - 12. All concerts are held at Happy Days Visitor Center and begin at 8 p.m. unless otherwise stated. Doors open at 7 p.m.

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Off the Beaten Path

Join Park Ranger Kerry Vincent for an off-trail trek adventure. Start and finish in the same place, but who knows what we might find along the way? Follow "Leave No Trace" practices as you explore CVNP. Ages 12 and older. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Be prepared for all types of terrain. Maximum of 20 participants. To register call (800) 445-9667. Indigo Lake Trailhead, 2 - 4 p.m.

Monday, April 23

Tuesday, April 24

Wednesday, April 25

Young at Heart

CVSR and CVNP invite the Young at Heart (ages 55 and over) to explore the valley focusing on the natural and cultural history of CVNP. All ages are welcome, but the cost is only \$7 for anyone ages 55 and over. Allow 1¾ hours. Fee: \$15 adults, \$7 seniors, and \$8 children 3 - 12. Rockside Station, 10:15 a.m. To register call (800) 468-4070. Orphan Trains - In the mid-nineteenth-century New York was known for many things including vagrant youth that lived on the streets. Along came a young minister and a radical proposal: place these homeless children aboard trains headed west and find them families who will provide shelter, education, and a new

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home. Join Park Ranger Pamela Machuga and costumed volunteers to explore the Orphan Trains of the past.

Thursday, April 26

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Grape Escape Wine-Tasting Express

Enjoy a night out in the beautiful Cuyahoga Valley aboard CVSR while tasting five choice wines and appetizers. Ages 21 and older. Fee: \$45 coach, \$65 first class, and \$80 executive class. Reservations required. 7 - 9 p.m. To register call (800) 468-4070. Boston Mill Station

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Cuyahoga Valley Heritage Series: John Gorka

John Gorka is known for applying his rich baritone vocals to a wide range of song forms - intimate confessional songs about love and loss, humorous observations about daily life in his neighborhood, poignant commentary on political moods, and exuberant explosions of unmitigated joy. For those who come to hear him sing, it is Gorka's honest writing and ability to say it all with an economy of words that keep them coming back for more. Admission unless otherwise noted: \$15 adults, \$10 CVNPA members, and \$5 children 3 - 12. General seating. Advance sales available by calling (330) 657-2909. All concerts are held at Happy Days Visitor Center and begin at 8 p.m. unless otherwise stated. Doors open at 7 p.m.

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Join the Circus - Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, welcome to CVSR's very own version of the circus train. Faded images of the past tell tales of lion tamers, ringmasters, and acrobats traveling through Peninsula, Ohio. Join us for a fun look at this former small town tradition. Fee: \$10 for ages 3 and up. Rockside Station, 1 p.m. To register call (800) 468-4070.

Spring Training Hike

8-mile hike on the Buckeye and Valley Trails. NPS Park Headquarters, 1 - 4:30 p.m.

Wildflowers for Beginners

Have you tried to identify wildflowers but felt clueless about where to begin? Join Park Ranger Margaret Adams to learn the basics of wildflower identification followed by a short hike to test your budding skills and see what is growing in CVNP. 2.2-mile hike on the Pine Grove Trail. Octagon Shelter, 2 - 4 p.m.

Monday, April 30

Tuesday, May 1

Full Moon Hikes

The Full Budding Flower Moon - Mid-spring in the Cuyahoga Valley provides an ideal balance for spring annual wildflowers. These small, delicate, but predictable yearly bloomers exploit the niche in time following the last snow and freezing temperatures of winter, and before the shade of taller deciduous trees limits the available sunlight reaching the valley's ground. Join a park ranger for a moderate 3-mile walk on the Towpath and Hale Farm Connector trails just prior to the full moon. Hunt Farm, 8 - 10 p.m.

Wednesday, May 2

Spring Speaker Series Canal Fever

Peg Bobel and Lynn Metzger will present a comprehensive overview of the canal and the journey to establish the Ohio & Erie National Heritage Canalway, based on their soon-to-be released book, *Canal Fever*. Presented by Cascade Parks Lock Association. Mustill Store, 7 p.m. For more information call (330) 374-5625.

Thursday, May 3

Friday, May 4

Saturday, May 5

CVNPA 3rd Annual Spring Fever Eco Run

Join Cuyahoga Valley National Park Association (CVNPA) for our third annual Spring Fever Eco Run. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. and the race begins at 9 a.m. at Boston Mills Ski Resort. This 5-mile run and 1-mile fun run/walk fundraiser through Cuyahoga Valley National Park is your opportunity to take care of yourself and your national park. The event will feature information on what you can do to encourage environmental sustainability. CVNPA will also be collecting old running shoes for recycling. On-line registration is available at www.cvnpa.org. Healthful refreshments will be provided for all registered participants, and the first 300 registrants will receive Spring Fever Eco Run 2007 t-shirts. Leashed dogs are welcome to participate in the 1-mile event. For more information call (330) 657-2909 ext. 136 or visit www.cvnpa.org.

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Spring Thing Hike. Join a park ranger on this 1.5-mile hike on the Oak Hill Trail. Oak Hill Trailhead, 2 - 3 p.m.

Cuyahoga Valley Heritage Series: Rani Arbo and daisy mayhem

With wicked percussion, sublime lead singing, great harmonies, and a deep repertoire, Rani Arbo and *daisy mayhem* are four people who share an irresistible chemistry on stage. Rani Arbo, fiddler and founder of *daisy mayhem*, is joined by longtime singing partner Andrew Kinsey who previously paired with Arbo in *Salamander Crossing*. Kinsey performs on upright bass, banjo, whistle, and ukulele. Anand Nayak adds both lead and harmony vocals and guitar while Scott Kessel provides creative percussion on the 'Drumship Enterprise'. Admission unless otherwise noted: \$15 adults, \$10 CVNPA members, and \$5 children 3 - 12. General seating. Advance sales available by calling (330) 657-2909. All concerts are held at Happy Days Visitor Center and begin at 8 p.m. unless otherwise stated. Doors open at 7 p.m.

Sunday, May 6

Hiking for Hotcakes

Join Park Ranger Beth Rush for a 4.5-mile hike to the Stanford House for its annual pancake breakfast! We'll hike the Stanford Trail, fuel up on pancakes, and return to Brandywine Falls. Fee for pancakes: \$10 adults and \$5 children 12 and under. Brandywine Falls, 7:30 - 11 a.m.

Hiking Going to the Dogs

Dog parks and walking your dog along the Towpath Trail have become so popular that we thought we'd join in the fun. Join a park ranger on this hiking series that is dedicated to the dog lover in you. Remember, all dogs must be on a six-foot or shorter leash and under the owner's control at all times. 2.5-mile walk on the Cross Country Trail. Kendall Lake Shelter, 8 - 10 a.m.

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Monday, May 7

Tuesday, May 8

Wednesday, May 9

Thursday, May 10

Cuyahoga Valley Contra Dance

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Friday, May 11

Trail Running Camp

Hit the ground running in Cuyahoga Valley National Park! Cuyahoga Valley National Park Association and Vertical Runner are teaming up for a weekend trail running event at Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center. The weekend will feature a variety of speakers and seminars and the opportunity for runners of all skill levels to explore the miles of trails throughout the park. Seminars will include competing in trail races; how to train for trail races; increasing distances for trail races; and night trail running. There will also be an informational session about injury prevention, nutrition, and cross training for trail runners. Speakers include Joe Jurczyk, race director of the Burning River 100 and founder of the Buckeye Trail 50K; and Connie Gardner and Mark Godale, world class ultra marathoners. Pre-registration is required. Fee: \$100 per person includes shared accommodations, all meals and snacks, and an

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event t-shirt. Participants must be 18 years or older. Arrival for the Trail Running Camp begins at 6 p.m. on Friday, May 11, and camp ends at 6 p.m. on Saturday, May 12. Runners should be able to run 1 to 2 hours as a long run and be capable of doing multiple runs in one day. For more information call (330) 657-2796 ext. 107 or visit www.cvnpa.org.

Cuyahoga Valley Nature Writers

This group assists amateur and professional writers with their original work. Participants should bring 15 copies of a poem, short story, or essay. Discussion centers on the strengths and weaknesses of each piece, with suggestions for improving it and enhancing chances of publication. Fee: \$3. For more information call (330) 657-2909. Boston Store, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 12

Annual Spring Bird Census

Birders of all levels of experience are invited to participate in this annual spring outing to compile vital population records used in natural resource studies. Census participants will be sent out in small groups to record different species and count numbers of individuals. Bring binoculars and a field guide. NPS Park Headquarters, 7 a.m.

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What is Granny up to now?

Granny Willow knows everything there is to know about CVNP. Join us for this puppet show as she helps the animals of the forest find out what happens to animal families in the Cuyahoga Valley during the Spring. She'll also lead you on a short hike to look at the baby animals at Hale Farm and Village. Ages 3 - 6. \$5 per child. Hale Farm & Village, 10:30 a.m. - Noon.

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Spring Training Hike

11-mile hike on the Buckeye and Valley Trails. Pack a lunch. Station Road Bridge Trailhead. 11 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Mother's Day Special

Celebrate your Mother's Day while riding the train through Cuyahoga Valley National Park. Scenic Limited departs Rockside Station at 10:15 am or 1:00 pm. Canal Limited departs Peninsula Depot at 11:15 am. Fee: 4 persons for \$28, each additional person is \$7. To register call (800) 468-4070.

Orienteering

Sharpen your land navigation skills with the Northeastern Ohio Orienteering Club as you navigate your way through two short/fast courses among the boulders of the CVNP Ledges area. These courses will provide a challenge for both the experienced and novice orienteer. A beginner course and instruction will also be available for the first timer. Bring a compass and a whistle. Hiking shoes are recommended. Map fee: \$8 for non-members and \$5 for members. Ledges Shelter, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. For more information call (866) 812-8316.

Summer Camp Open House

Although it may be cold outside, Cuyahoga Valley National Park Association wants you to start thinking about summer! Come to one of our Summer Camp Open House events to learn about summer camp in Cuyahoga Valley National Park. These events are a chance for families to visit the Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center and explore the facilities, learn about camp offerings, and meet with summer camp coordinators to answer any questions about the programs. Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center, 1 - 4 p.m. For more information call (330) 657-2796 ext. 107 or visit www.cvnpa.org.

Monday, May 14

Tuesday, May 15

Wednesday, May 16

Thursday, May 17

Growing Season, The Life of a Migrant Community

Gary Harwood, Kent State University's chief photographer since 1987, will share photographs from his recent book on Hartville, Ohio. For more information contact CVPS at info@cvps.org or CVNPA at (330) 657-2909. CVPS sponsors monthly presentations by local, regional, and national photographers at Happy Days Visitor Center. All presentations start at 7 p.m. Free unless otherwise stated.

Friday, May 18

Girl Scout Weekend

Scouts can earn FIVE badges from Girl Scouts Badges and Signs while taking full advantage of the trails, ponds, forests, wonderful scenery, and comfortable facilities. Come and make new friends, explore new paths, and enjoy a great weekend of Girl Scouting fun! Space is limited so reserve for your troop today! Fee: \$85 scout and \$45 adult chaperone. Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center. To register or for more information call (800) 642-3297 or visit www.cvnpa.org.

Cuyahoga Valley Heritage Series: Back of the Moon

Back of the Moon are a traditional Scottish folk band, with both new and traditional tunes and songs cast in fresh modern sounding arrangements. Since forming in 2000, the band has rapidly gained a reputation for their dynamic live performances. *Back of the Moon* create their giant acoustic sound through tightly woven pipes and fiddle, an intimate pairing of low whistle and flute, the distinctive rhythmic force of their guitar/piano rhythm combo, and awesome three-part vocal harmonies. Admission unless otherwise noted: \$15 adults, \$10 CVNPA members, and \$5 children 3 - 12. General seating. Advance sales available by calling (330) 657-2909. All concerts are held at Happy Days Visitor Center and begin at 8 p.m. unless otherwise stated. Doors open at 7 p.m.

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Spring Wetlands

Wetlands are among the most ecologically productive habitats now filled with song. Everywhere courtship is taking place. Tree swallows, house wrens and bluebirds nest in tree snags and marsh wrens call from perch lookouts along the high cattails. Join Park Ranger Paul Motts and discover which birds are present in a beaver marshland. Ira Trailhead, 8 - 10:30 a.m.

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Saturday in the Park

Petals in the Park. Join Park Ranger Karen Kopchak to explore the abundant wildflowers blooming along the moderately difficult Brandywine Gorge Trail. Review basic identification techniques, test out a variety of field guides, and learn about historic and medicinal uses of dozens of the different species you will see. Brandywine Falls, 1 - 3 p.m.

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Wildflowers for Beginners

Have you tried to identify wildflowers but felt clueless about where to begin? Join Park Ranger Margaret Adams to learn the basics of wildflower identification followed by a short hike to test your budding skills and see what is growing in CVNP. 2-mile hike on the Towpath Trail. Ira Trailhead, 2 - 4 p.m.

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Fun With Boomerangs

Come out to beautiful Howe Meadow and practice learning to throw these amazing Australian flying machines. Learn their history and what makes them fly, then try it yourself. Learn the rules of flight and safe flying skills. Fun for the whole family and completely free! Howe Meadow, 2 - 4 p.m.

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Cuyahoga Valley Heritage Series: Peggy Seeger and John McCutcheon

With more than 20 solo discs and 100 recordings with other performers, Peggy Seeger is considered to be among North America's finest female folksingers. Having taken a leading role in the British folk music revival, not only as a singer and instrumentalist but as a theorist and songwriter, Peggy has the spectacular ability to deliver her classic folk work in a timeless fashion audiences love. Johnny Cash once referred to John McCutcheon as the most impressive instrumentalist he ever heard. He is a master of a dozen different traditional instruments, and his songwriting ability has been hailed by critics and singers around the globe. John's music has garnered every imaginable honor and, whether traditional or from his huge catalog of original songs, has the profound mark of place, family, and strength. Admission unless otherwise noted:

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Sunday, May 27

Three Falls Hike

The waterfalls of CVNP offer beauty. The hikes to them offer a challenge. Join Park Ranger Pamela Machuga on this 9.5-mile difficult hike to Brandywine, Blue Hen, and Buttermilk Waterfalls to explore the dynamics of our watershed. Please pack a lunch and wear appropriate footwear. Brandywine Falls, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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Tuesday, May 29

Wednesday, May 30

Thursday, May 31

Full Moon Hikes

The Full Flower Blue Moon - Some say the second full moon of the month is a blue moon, yet others disagree. But May is always a month of flowers and plenty for both vegetation and wildlife in the Cuyahoga Valley. Leaves have returned to trees and shrubs, often obscuring our views of the splendid evening sky during this easy, 3.5 mile Towpath walk north from Boston. Boston Store, 8:30 - 10:30 p.m.